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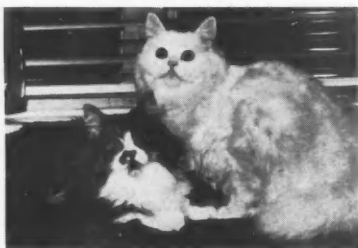
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The Readers Always Write

A MAINE PRODUCT



Dear Editors:

We have enjoyed CATS Magazine this past year. We do wish there were more pictures of the Maine Coon cats shown in your Magazine, or alley cats, as some people prefer to call them.

Here are two of our Maine cats whose photo other readers may enjoy. The tiger is Tiger Lily (spay), one year old, and her brother is Major Sno Sheen (neuter), who was chosen Champion Coon Cat of the State of Maine for 1954, at The Central Maine Cat Club Show last May.

Mrs. Robert Whitmore

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Augusta, Maine

TAKES "TIME" TO TASK

Dear Editors:

In a recent edition of "Time" magazine an item headed "I.Q. Zoo" begins: "Keller B. Breland of Hot Springs, Ark., is a psychologist who applies modern scientific methods of training and understanding animals." Animal trainer, psychological or otherwise he may be - animal lover he is not. Mr. Breland is emphatically no lover of cats. Says he: "... they (dogs) alone respond to man's praise and affection. Cats do not. They like to be petted, says Breland, but their enjoyment is merely physical. They will do nothing for praise."

All this pertains solely to the training of animals for commercial purposes. Mr. Breland's finished products are destined for vaudeville, advertising stunts or the circus. What, I wonder does he know of the non-commercial relationship between man and animal or the love and understanding such a relationship is based upon? Very little when he advocates a "reformation of U. S. Zoos". In these grotesque menageries "zoo animals should be trained to perform instinctive acts when given a triggering signal. In a Breland-type zoo, the spectator could put a nickel in a slot if he wanted to see the monkeys dance or the hippo plunge into his pool. For a larger coin, a quarter perhaps, he might see a lion charge out of a thicket and leap with hideous roars on a simulated gazelle." To all who read the late George Orwell's futuristic shocker "1984" the chill creeping up the spine is all too familiar.

Of the cat in particular this man

displays glaring ignorance. No creature responds so unfailingly to praise, affection and understanding. And its friends know, response is aroused by virtually no other means than those to which Mr. Breland declares them immune!

A close friend during her first interview with a psycho-analyst dwelled upon her rather intense dependency upon her three cats. Very gently the doctor suggested that this was "a very safe relationship." He was so right. Relationship with a cat offers one of life's rare certainties, - the absolute assurance that when offered, love will be returned. In an insecure world this rates high. Higher by far than a willingness to ring bells, balance on tightropes or swing from a trapeeze.

(Mrs.) Edda Ross

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YOUNG T. S. ELIOT

Dear Editors:

My Son, John Tenbrook, wrote the following as an assignment in English class:

HERE KITTY!

*We were peacefully eating our dinner,
Enjoying it too, I might say,
When the cook said that Gus, the Old
Sinner,*

Had got up on the roof—some way!

*To avoid any further confusion,
At this point, I think 't would be apt
To allay any doubt or delusion
By saying that Gus is a cat.*

*To say that he's only a cat
Is really quite short of the truth.
For a cat is an animal that
Would think it extremely uncouth
To growl at strange men,
Pick fights with dogs,
Climb trees and then—
Give monologues*

*of crotch,
howls and the highest*

*He swears he can't come down a notch.
On the roof, he was even higher.
His monologue seemed like a choir.
A cat never looks more aloof
Than when he's perched on a roof.*

Mrs. John Tenbrook

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Rx OLIVE OIL

Dear Editors:

May I give a bit of advice which I have found invaluable to the health of my Angora cat? (We still call him Duchess as we didn't want to confuse him after learning of our mistake!)

My suggestion is this, - about once a week give him ¼ teaspoonful of olive oil. (Just hold your cat on your lap, gently hold his jaws open with one hand and pour the ¼ teaspoonful of olive oil in his mouth. He won't like it, but loves to wash himself all over after his tongue is "oiled" with it.) I have never in his seven years had to combat

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The beautiful White Longhair Kittens on our cover are owned by our writer Blanche Wolfram of Gallahad Cattery. Photo is by her amateur photographer husband Ed Wolfram and was taken with a Busch 4x5 press. With the camera at thirty inches, a number five flash bulb was used in a polished reflector held five feet from the kits. Opening was f 22, speed 1/200th.

hairballs or any sickness.

Hope this may help some readers.

Mrs. Fred Stixoud
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Westwood, N. J.



LONG DRINK OF WATER

Dear Editors:

I was looking through my snapshots the other day and found this picture of Jeff, my cat who passed away two years ago. His favorite drinking facility happened to be the bird bath next door. We were mighty lucky that our neighbor, who is a bird enthusiast, as I a cat, didn't see him.

Lucy A. Jeffreys

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HOOKED RUG HOBBYIST

Dear Editors:

I enjoy your magazine VERY much. As soon as I have received one issue of it, I begin to look forward to the next issue.

That was an interesting article about the woman who made the hooked rug with the cats on it.

Those who like to do needlepoint may obtain one with a cat on it, which is a nice size for a pillow or a picture, from Frederick Herrschner Co., 33 S. Wabash Avenue, Chicago 3, Illinois, or from Lee Ward Mills, Elgin, Illinois.

Mabel D. Hulse

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Salida, Colo.

This is not the story of Nathan or Uncle or Tommy or even the one about Tinker, the bow-legged villain who lived next door. This is the story of Kimmer, the cat that came home.

Snow on amber. That is Kimmer. His coat is as silky as the down in a milk-weed pod. Visiting ladies always say, "Aw-w," and try to pick him up.

He was born in April, the first of a litter of six to be chosen to come away. At the beginning of his second summer he had not yet outgrown the antics of kittenhood. A dancing string or a rolling ball still spelled serious play to Kimmer. His evenings were spent in the earnest endeavor of the young cat to catch every moth to be found.

He was trained to come at the ringing of a little bell. By virtue of a cat-hole in the porch and an open window he was free to wander as he wished. When the little bell rang he would come, sometimes taking his time about it, if his business were very engrossing, but sooner or later it brought him in.

There was much for Kimmer to attend to—mouse holes in the neighboring woodpile to be watched, green clad caves under the clematis to be explored and sessions of walking on the rail-fence with the villain, Tinker Bell, to be met and stared down.

Time was when Tinker had chased him ignominiously home, with growls and wicked claws unsheathed. Kimmer is a long, rangy cat, and had, that spring, developed into a notable runner.

Kimmer was often with me in the garden, sitting patiently under the apple tree while I plied the hoe, curling in the grass of the weeding basket, or crawling purrily into my lap as together we sat and watched the garden grow.

Sometimes he went hunting among the willows at the foot of a neighboring slope. Even from there the little bell brought him in, loitering indolently or running with his long, loping stride.

Kimmer does not range in the willows now.

It happened on a June day when the heat had lifted, so that I made my lists and set out for town in the morning. Kimmer was no where about when I went, having eaten and gone. I left his window open and milk in his dish. He must have come in sometime during the morning, as a dragon-fly lay on the hearth rug when I came home.



THE CAT WHO CAME HOME

by Constance
Grosvenor Dyar

Drawings by
Jean Ward



This, I believe, was what happened: It was cool in the clematis caves that morning as Kimmer lay stretched out, belly to the ground and tail a-twitch. But, for once, the birds had taken their clamour elsewhere so that the game soon palled.

The house was still. Even the neighbor's dog, Sar, was not in evidence as Kimmer sniffed the wind and reached out with his invisible antennae to scout the neighborhood. No sign of Tinker Bell. He rose rabbit-wise and stretched as high as he could, rubbing his nose on the boughs of the honey-suckle.

Then the young cat strolled to his entrance, feeling very tall. He slipped in and leaped lightly to the kitchen window-sill. The house was without life. His milk was cold. He sat for a while on the wicker porch table, washing reflectively.

Presently he made his way to his favorite chair and established himself for a nap, curling round upon himself with paws tucked in and tail wrapped around all. If only he had slept the morning through, with the heart-shaped shadows from the moon vine dancing against the wall behind him and the drowsy hum of bees lulling him.

As the sun rose higher, the sheltered screened porch was filled with light. Across the yard a door banged and Sar charged into the morning, black coat gleaming and white teeth laughing. Kimmer's head came up from the furry ball he had made of himself. His wide ears dipped and turned, straining to take in every sign and portent. It was only Sar.

Kimmer was fully awake now. He humped himself in a great stretch and glanced inquiringly at the house door. It was still closed. In the kitchen, he gave a desultory lick or two at his milk and sniffed at his tray. Finally he made his way out into the sun again and with purpose gradually quickening his steps rounded the corner of the house. Sar was not in sight. He squatted for a while at the edge of the clover field, nibbling at the tender grass blades.

A dragon-fly darted straight toward him. As it zoomed he leaped and brought it down. He seized it firmly in his mouth

and presently bore the faintly struggling creature to his lair on the living room rug. There it lay lifeless its frail wings shimmering.

It was nearly noon now. Kimmer was hungry. He licked up the few morsels of fish adhering to his tray, sniffed disdainfully at the milk in his saucer and jumped to the window-sill. His red rubber ball lay by the table. He gave it a half-hearted pat.

"Oh well!"

Kimmer yawned and stretched, then with a leisurely gait set out for the willows in the long grassy valley between the neighbor's yard and the orchard on the hill beyond.

It was high noon and in the still heat the earth seemed to pause and listen to itself. Kimmer stopped too.

He could hear the wave's gentle surge against the sand below the bluff. The air was full of lovely smells, warm grass, clover and the newly turned earth of the neighbor's garden. The voice of the killdeer rose from beyond the willows. Kimmer stole across the sloping lawn on the soft paws of stealth, making scarcely a ripple as the long grass of the meadow closed over him.

Over by the highway a car door closed. Kimmer halted, ears quivering, nose as sniff. Feet crashed in the underbrush and the cat continued to sniff, puzzled. Mixed with the gasoline smell and the man smell was an oily, metallic odor which he could not place.

At just that moment the god of little wild creatures must have looked the other way, for as Kimmer turned his body carefully to creep away, a rifle spoke. The bullet, speeding straight to its mark, slammed into Kimmer's flank, spun his light body around pinning it to the ground for an instant, then he was up and away.

"Good God, Dickie!" Is that the best you can do? That rabbit had a mighty long tail!"

"I don't think I hit him," said the boy, flushing. "Look at that cat run!"

Indeed Kimmer ran, as fear closed down upon him. He scrambled through

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FEWLINES 'BOUT FELINES

Collected by ANNE METCALF

EYES OF A CAT

Upon a cat's inscrutable green eyes
There shines a map of strange, mysterious lore.
An exclamation mark whose pupil-guise
Can swing or narrow like an oval door
Stands sentry duty there. But softly tread
All who would enter to that nether scene,
For who can know what dark Egyptian dead
Entombed in memory-vaults haunt its demesne?
And who can guess what treasure charts are kept
With challenge swift as scimitar-sharp claws
For those who trespass on their secret crypt;
Or learn of threatened terrors cautious paws
Once padded past to mold them silent-wise?
And ancient wisdom maps a cat's green eyes!

—Bonnie May Malody

GREY MAGIC

When Smoki-san and I go out
For a breath of midnight air,
We do not walk as people do
Along the thoroughfare;
We go by crooked, winding ways
That only cat-folk know—
The mazes taught by Goddess Bast
Five thousand years ago:
Our shadows strangely alter
As we circle and retrace;
And, sometimes, I am half-afraid
We're in some other place.

—Charles J. Jacobs

FUTILITY

Where have you been, oh kitty?
And what have you to say?
Is not your home a happy one?
What makes you go away?
Your air is condescending,
Your attitude urbane—
Oh well, all Hail, Your Highness,
And welcome home again.

Kim Worthington

CAPITULATION

I hear the wind-song's wild and minor strain
In unknown rhythm fade, recur again:
It fans the firelight bright enough to show
An empty hearth-rug in its dying glow—
No glint of flame on mound of shining fur,
No tranquilizing rumble of a purr—
I am alone again. Nor need I dwell
On sorry details that I know too well—
I'll spare myself in future, make an end
To always tragic parting with a friend.
I vow I will—and know my words belie
Abject surrender to a kitten's cry!

—Claire T. McClellan



"WANT OUT"

ON THE FOLLY OF YOUNG LOVE

From: To a cat named Monie
Forgotten lies your catnip mouse,
Once beloved—now outgrown,
Your new-found love's outside the house
And loudly makes his presence known.
All decorum set aside,
Your pleading eyes go doorward,
I should think you'd have some pride!
Your feline friend's too forward.
Trembling-whiskered pantheress,
Yowling to love's glory,
Little Monie, can't you guess
The sequel of this story?
Tumbling furpuffs shall ensue,
Surround you with their clamor,
And Lochinvar, what will he do?
Look further for his glamour.
Does he promise as he wheedles
To bring you dainty sweets—
Brown and appetizing beetles,
Gopher noses, parakeets?
Don't believe a mew of it,
Lovers are all liars . . .
Yet philosophy I must admit
Has never put out any fires.
So run along to lover's plight
And duet til the dawning,
But spare me from tomorrow's sight
Of satiated yawning.

—Maura Horton

If you watch a cat in the daytime
leaping among a lot of pieces of crock-
ery you will see that these remain
whole; but if it does the same by night
it will break a considerable number.

—Ibid.

TO A MANX

Think not at all of "something lost"—
You've nothing to bewail,
For you're a cat to stop a show,
A cat without a tail.
Think not at all of "something lost"—
You've nothing to deplore,
For you're unique among the cats,
The cat with less—and more!

—Paul Waterman

THOUGHTS OF A KITTEN, SITTIN'

The sun is as bright as a black cat's eye
And warm as a kitten's fur . . .
I'd chase those sparrows—but they'd fly,
I'll just sit here and purr.
I can't think of anything to do
(It's a very quiet day!)
I've walked round the house a time or two
But everyone's gone away . . .
Out by that bush where the light's not clear
Something just now stirred—
Did you think because I twitched an ear
I thought it was a bird?
Just a silly leaf, as the wind went by,
It didn't fool me a bit!
A cloud has come over the nice warm sky . . .
There's nothing to do but sit.
Ugh! A drop of rain fell on my nose—
What a horrid afternoon!
Now it's raining hard! Don't you suppose
They'll come home pretty soon?
At last they're here—I can always tell,
With silly talk and such,
They'll call me . . . *pet me*, of course
. . . oh, well,
I don't mind—very much.

—Maude Ludington Cain

Man has great power of speech but
the greater part thereof is empty and
deceitful. The animals have little but
the little is useful and true; and better
is a small and certain thing than a
great falsehood.

—THE NOTEBOOKS OF LEONARDO
DE VINCI, edited by Edward Mac-
Curdy, George Braziller, New York.

AN OLD CAT MEDITATES

Now that I'm old I do not venture far
Beyond the yard; a speeding motor car
Might overtake me, but I like to walk
Across the street, the neighbors often talk
To me in kindly tones and pat my head,
Through my own mistress sees that I'm well fed;
Yet there are times I sit with saddened gaze
Depressed and lonely, thinking of the days
When I was young and went on jaunt . . .
No one who sees me now, dull-eyed and gaunt,
Would hardly think I once had fluffy fur
And numble feet, a most engaging purr.
But it's the way of cats and human kind
To grow decrepit both in form and mind;
And though perhaps I've not done as I should,
As folks and felines go, I'm pretty good—
I know that soon I'll sleep beneath the mold,
Deal gently with me, I am tired and old.

—Margaret E. Bruner
From her book, *In Thoughtful Mood*



There is a saying, "He who rides the tiger, dare not let go!" William Blake devoted a poem to the dread symmetry of the tiger that still captures a feeling of fear and admiration for the animal. An idea of the fierceness of the beast is reflected in the awe which the world holds for the dangerous sport of tiger hunting. Periodically, the press finds a cruel or sadistic woman in some murder case, eagerly labeled, "the tigress!" And, it was the fighting instincts of Georges Clemenceau during the first World War, that earned him his famous title, "the Tiger of France." It would seem an unlikely probability for anyone to own one of these huge cats for a household pet, yet Sarah Bernhardt kept a full-grown tiger in her apartment behind the Theatre Sarah Bernhardt in Paris.

Volumes have been written on the personalities of pet owners; the choice of a cat over a dog is presumed to have some significance and in fact, a tendency seems to exist toward differentiating personality traits by the selection of a breed. Certainly, some psychological factor determines why one person selects an Afghan hound over a Burmese cat, or another selects a Manx over a dachshund. Such people as Carl Van Vechten or Richard and Frances Lockridge have thrown a great reserve of literary talent into the defense of ailurophiles, while the canine enthusiasts offer an equally ardent group of supporters. But, as much as can be said about choosing a pet, little indeed, has been said about choosing a tiger.

We may be certain that the "Divine Sarah" probably took every precaution for her own safety. Her tiger was un-

doubtedly well-fed; his claws must have been removed; he may have been altered, and he was probably entrusted to a special caretaker. Carl Van Vechten has said nothing of either the great actress or her strange pet in his excellent work, appropriately entitled "The Tiger in the House", although he does mention Madame Bernhardt's equally famous friend Alexandre Dumas: "... his establishment was always crowded and among the crowds of people played crowds of pets. The vultures, cats, monkeys and macaws about the place were mostly cared for by the gardener, Michel, who adored animals."

Sarah Bernhardt went Dumas one better. She kept two Russian wolfhounds, a poodle, an English bulldog, a terrier, a wild hare, an alligator which she personally acquired in Florida, and besides her tiger, numerous cats. When she toured, she carried her cats and dogs with her. The troupe of actors and actresses in her company always

from under a chaise-longue and crawl over the bear rugs, much to the delight of his owner and her guests.

We know a great deal about the personality of Sarah Bernhardt from her other peculiar traits. Besides her odd menagerie, she kept a human skeleton in her bedroom. The famous pearwood coffin, satin-lined and gold trimmed, in which she rested and studied her roles, is part of the Sarah Bernhardt legend. Obviously, she was egocentric, with a number of dramatic quirks that can only amuse us, today. However, her genius can never be denied. Part of her genius was an unerring instinct for publicity. Yet, to call her tiger nothing more than a publicity stunt is perhaps to underestimate her true motives in acquiring such a beast. The proud and famous woman with her awesome animal seem strangely complimented that the other was an absolute master: Sarah in the world of the theater and the tiger in his own feline domain. However, it may be true that the tiger was just another aspect of her many-varied schemes to keep the name "Sarah Bernhardt" on everybody's lips.

But, didn't Cleopatra own a leopard?

The Lady and The Tiger by David Curtis

engaged a private train with a personal car for Madame Bernhardt and her pets. This avoided hotel difficulties, but on the rare occasions when she was forced to stay in a hotel, she would register first and send for the animals later. Then, she would defy the management to put her out.

For years, her home was an elaborate apartment built into the rear of the Theatre Sarah Bernhardt. Thus, it was possible for her to go directly from her bedroom, which was also her dressing room, to the stage. Her dinner parties were brilliant social successes, and if the guests were apprehensive about the tiger, it was altogether likely that Sarah Bernhardt kept him isolated whenever company called. Among her pets, however, for the guests to admire, was a large tortoise named Chryogere. She commissioned a Paris jeweler to create a solid gold plate set with several topazes for Chryogere, which was affixed as a covering to his natural shell. This glittering spectacle would amble out



Sarah Bernhardt, who owned a tiger.

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Each of the next four issues of CATS Magazine will contain a gallery of photographs of the outstanding winners of the 1954-1955 cat show season in advertisements submitted by owners of the top cats of each breed and color in each section of America as computed by CATS Magazine's copyrighted scoring system. May will be All-Western month; June, All-Eastern; July, All-Midwestern; August, All-Southern; and in September the All-Americans, the grand prize-winners, will be announced.



B-Coli
Infection
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by
Blanche
Wolfram

There is nothing that saddens the heart of one who loves cats more than to hear of our little furred friends dying. Today many cats are dying because so many of us do not know how to cope with one of the latest illnesses to hit the cat world. The writer has been asked to give some information on this type of ailment that now seems to be so prevalent. It is hoped that the following information will do much to help those concerned about the health of their feline loved ones.

When this disease hits, many believe it to be enteritis. While B-Coli does resemble enteritis in some respects, it is of an entirely different nature, for enteritis is a virus infection and B-Coli a bacteriological infection. As with so many illnesses that can strike our cats, B-Coli can become fatal if it is not discovered and treated immediately and properly. The mortality rate among kittens affected by this disease is unusually large; larger cats can become infected by it but their chances of survival are better because they have the strength to fight off its infectious qualities.

As the case is whenever your cat is hit by an illness with which you cannot cope, your local veterinarian is your best friend: and B-Coli is no different. Without his help you are lost. Consult your veterinarian immediately upon perceiving that your cat has become infected, keeping in mind the suggestions contained in this article, and he will do all within his power to bring your animal back to health. He has the proper medication to control the infection and will probably give it to you along with instructions to take care of the nursing. Remember that nursing is vital. Often it is only by careful and diligent nursing that a cat is brought back to good health. Never despair but do all that you think is necessary and then some more, for even though the going may get pretty rough you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you helped pull the cat through. If you can accomplish a good job of nursing, you have won half the battle.

SYMPTOMS

Even though your cat may appear to be the picture of health, B-Coli attacks very swiftly and with results that are almost violent. The first symptom that you will notice is that of continual vomiting. If there is any food in the stomach it will be brought up; if no food is present you will notice the cat vomiting a yellowish bile liquid. In about four or five hours diarrhea will set in adding to the animal's discomfort and both the bile

TIPS TO THE NOVICE FROM A NOVICE

and the diarrhea will have an extremely sour odor. A craving for water will be constant and as the animal drinks it, it will not be able to hold it down. At this point, the animal will probably be so sick that it will become listless and lie down caring little about life.

Your first action should be that of making a check on the temperature. A small medical thermometer such as that used for infants will be ideal for your purpose. The normal temperature of a cat ranges in the area between 101 and 102 degrees. In taking the temperature of the affected animal you will notice a rapid rise from the normal range, sometimes reaching 105 degrees. Should this be the indication on your thermometer you can be sure that the cat is very sick.

If this is your first experience in taking the temperature of an animal, a few words of procedure are in order. The thermometer must be inserted into the anus. A little petroleum jelly on the instrument will aid in the insertion. To get an accurate reading the thermometer should be left in place for at least a minute; if you are not careful to get a true reading your inaccuracy may cost you the life of your cat. You may have a bit of difficulty in this procedure at first, but after a few experiences you will be an old hand at it.

It might be well to add here that the thermometer is one of your most important instruments in the raising of cats. There will be countless times when its value will more than surpass the initial cost of your investment. Be sure you get one that is reliable and practice constant sterilization by rinsing it in alcohol and remember to shake it down before insertion.

When you have taken the temperature of the cat in the proper manner and do notice that there is a rise indicated above normal, do not give any water or food for a twenty-four hour period. By not giving any food or water the stomach will be able to relax and this will aid to more rapid recovery.

TREATMENT

It is important that once the above symptoms have been noticed you begin treatment at once. The very first thing that you should do is to give the cat orally one teaspoon of kapectate. Make sure that a full teaspoon is taken. If any of the kapectate is spilled in the process, give an extra amount to make up for what has been wasted. Do this faithfully, repeating every hour until it begins to come out of the anus. Never worry about the cat vomiting some of the kapectate, for no matter how much is brought up by this action, there will always be enough remaining to provide the stomach walls with a protective covering.

If you have not already done so, make an appointment with your veterinarian, call his attention to the definite emergency that exists. With the recent developments in the fields of antibiotics,

you may find that he will give streptomycin and penicillin in combination form, the amount depending upon the weight of the cat. The antibiotics will fight off the infection. The medicine to be used at home could be one ounce of hytrona mixed together with three ounces of kapectate. This will replace the plain kapectate that you have been using and should be given in a dose of one teaspoon every hour. This combination is an antispasmodic and a non-absorbent and with its use the vomiting will be controlled.

Because of the high fever that accompanies this infection of B-Coli it is advisable to give a teaspoon of pepsin and thiamin every two hours. This will do much to replace the vitamin B1 that is lost due to the extremely high temperature and diarrhea.

As you take the temperature, make a chart as you go along and at intervals of every three hours record the temperature finding. This will give you an accurate record on the animal's condition and will be of great aid to your vet as he proceeds to treat it. You may discover as entries are made on your chart that the temperature fluctuates up and down. Once medication has been administered this will level off. Should the fever continue at a high level, try giving one quarter of a regular aspirin tablet in one-half teaspoon of lukewarm water by mouth. If this does not check the high reading return the cat to the vet for another treatment of streptomycin and penicillin. At this time he might deem it advisable to administer a shot of concentrated vitamin B1.

Should there be a drop in temperature below 100 degrees, say to 98 degrees, you may find that your cat will go into a state of shock. When a cat is in this state death can come at any time and quick action is necessary on your part. To counteract this state in kittens, administer a mixture of one-half teaspoon of water mixed with five drops of whiskey. Repeat in fifteen minutes if necessary. For older kittens and cats mix equally one-half teaspoon of water and one-half teaspoon of whiskey as a dosage. Without a doubt, this old remedy for treating shock remains as the one producing the best results.

When a cat is in shock, it is imperative that it be kept warm. Hold it on your lap keeping it warm with the aid of a hot water bottle which is better than using a heating pad. A little affection on your part will do much more to ease its tension and give it assurance in its battle for life. And, if you've never thought of it at a time like this, prayer often produces miraculous results. Why not give it a try, too!

RECOVERY

Quite often what is done in the matter of recovery is of equal importance as to what is done in treatment. Be sure to keep the cat or kitten warm at all times and after the vomiting has been secured

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ARE CATS PSYCHIC?

by

Doris P. Wilson

Photo of Butch

by the Author



A strange thing happened recently involving the actions of our cat "Butch".

He's been with us a long time, and as a kitten, he became so fond of our young son that he got into the habit of sleeping at the foot of David's bed. All through kittenhood and on into cathood, "Butch" continued in this catlike expression of loyalty, and our son felt very close to him and loved him dearly.

In recent years, our son has been away from home a great deal since he joined the Marines, and none of us see him very often . . . including "Butch". During our son's absence, the cat has formed the habit of coming into our bedroom to sleep, no doubt substituting our companionship for that which he formerly enjoyed. For more than a year, "Butch" has been sleeping in our bedroom.

Just a week or so ago, we were most unhappy to hear that our son might not be able to get home on leave before going overseas. He is stationed a long way from home, and since we haven't seen him in many months, naturally our reaction to this development was anything but gay.

At the time of this unhappy phase, we suddenly noticed that "Butch" had deserted our room for sleeping, and began to go into our son's room instead. When this happened once or twice, we didn't pay too much attention to it, but the

cat repeated his performance nightly for a period of about a week. During that time, it was necessary to remove a blanket and bedspread from our son's bed for cleaning. Thinking that perhaps these soft sleeping accessories may have had something to do with the cat's choice of bedrooms, we fully expected to see him quit his new quarters once and for all. Imagine our surprise when even the removal of these items didn't change his mind! He continued to go into David's room to sleep, merely substituting an armchair for his slumbers instead of the foot of the bed.

My husband and I both mentioned this sudden oddity on the part of the cat, and both remarked that "Butch" acted as if he were waiting in that room for David to come home (as the cat did when the boy was little). We both said also: "Who knows . . . perhaps it's an omen? Maybe David is coming home after all!"

The very next day, we received a letter from our son telling us that he was getting his leave, and we could expect him home in few weeks!

Are cats psychic?

We don't know the answer to that question, but since actions speak louder than words, we're very much over the borderline of conjecture in this instance, and from now on, the actions of one "Butch" will be more closely observed than ever before!

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—R. G.

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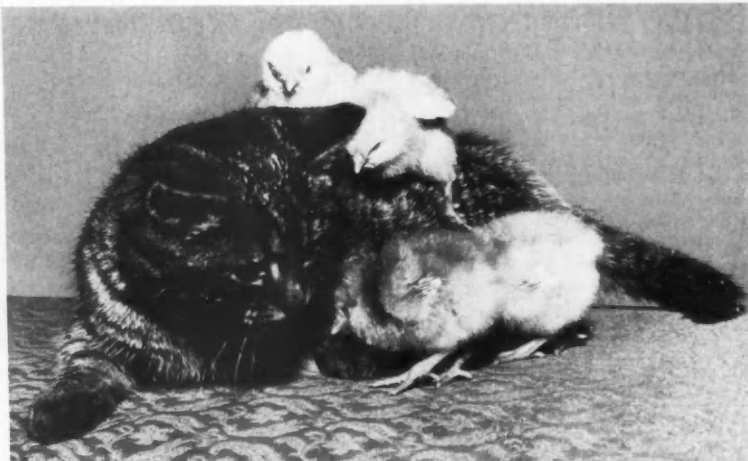
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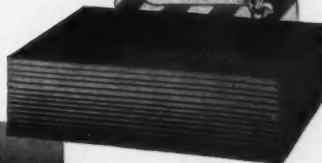
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The story of the importation of cats into Japan begins five centuries before America was discovered. It is a traditionally accepted belief that cats were first brought to Japan in sailing vessels from Korea. The new kingdom of Koma that had been established in Korea in the tenth century sent trading ships to Nippon. For the protection of their cargoes, and the insurance of their provisions, the Korean schooners carried cats on board. When the Japanese merchants first spotted these cunning and lithe creatures slinking aboard the vessels, they were so charmed and amused by their grace and intelligence, that they immediately bartered for a half dozen Persians, which they subsequently presented before the Royal Imperial Court. From their very first debut at the Emperor's Palace, the cats were unanimously approved, and they soon became the "spoiled darlings" of the Royal family.

Since the court rules stipulated that any person not possessing a court rank of fifth grade or higher might not be permitted to enter the inner circles of the court, the cats were awarded the fifth grade court rank. Accordingly, the cats officially became aristocrats, and they enjoyed many privileges that were even denied to man. There were no other pets kept within the confines of the palace grounds. Having come from Koma (Korea), the Persians were dubbed "Okomasan," and as noble title holders, they were given special appointed attendants.

A century later, cats as pets soon became popular among people of all classes. But they still remained aristocrats, and are generally associated with the refinements of life.

Tom-cats and females are popular pets among the farmers as well as the average city dweller. Tri-colored cats are prized by fishermen as mascots. There is a peculiar belief throughout the land which is summed up in the phrase "nekowa-mamono," which means that cats are witches. The superstition infers that when cats become old, they are able to understand human speech, walk on hind legs, and act like humans. Thus cats of very old age are seldom kept.

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I wish to outline briefly our experience with our past three cats, all of which were red tiger "alley" variety, altered male, but all of different family groups.

Red developed kidney stones at the age of 1 year. Through careful attention and kind veterinarian care he survived countless operations until at the age of 4½ he died of uremic poisoning.

Then came Butch, who at the age of 2 years developed the same trouble, and within six months suffered a ruptured bladder.

Now, we have Charlie who is just 1 year old. Within the past few days he has started passing blood and we fear for the worst. He is being administered Vitamin A and a pill designed to balance the acidity of the kidneys.

Although our vet disagrees, I feel I am at fault through their diet. It now consists of one-third can of a beef flavored food, mornings, bites of whatever we eat including lean meat, vegetables, and frequent small spoonfuls of ice cream. Raw egg beaten in little milk about twice a week, but otherwise very little milk. About two small dog biscuits daily.

All these animals were the picture of health, with beautiful coats and strong bones, active and energetic.

—Mrs. T. A. W., Staten Island 4, N. Y.

I am very glad to see that not all pet lovers immediately put the blame for failure to correct a difficult situation on the veterinarian. But I do not feel that either you or the diet is to blame. Experiencing the same difficulty with three cats in a row is a rare thing. The only suggestion that I would make other than the treatment that is already being given, would be the use of a prescription diet prepared especially for cats. It is called C/D. It cannot be found in any pet store or food counter, but would be available only through a veterinarian. How successful this will be in preventing or aiding in the correction of this condition has not been definitely stated yet. It is advisable also to wait until cats are one year old or older before having them altered. This may help in the prevention of this trouble.

I would like to enlist your help in diagnosing a very bad habit that my cat has acquired. He persists in sucking a piece of cotton cloth (chambrey). He does this for an hour and a half at a time, mostly at night.

The cat is well-fed and well-housed, and has a most comfortable bed at night. He receives affection and attention from the members of the family.

I will appreciate your advice on how to correct this habit.

—Miss M. C., Abilene, Texas

It is probably just habit with the cat rather than any specific reason. Try keeping the cloth away from the cat or it may discourage him if a strong food flavor is put on the cloth. Lemon extract or oil of lemon or peppermint is usually very distasteful if used undiluted.

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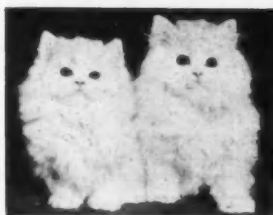
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KILLING OF CATS BY MOTORISTS

by Ida M. Mellen

We are all familiar with the frequent estimates that are made of the number of cats in the United States. An accurate figure is impossible. As far as we know, no one has ever attempted to estimate the number killed every day throughout the country by motorists, though a competent mathematician would be entitled to hazard a guess. The New York State Conservation Department in its magazine, *The Conservationist* for December-January 1954-1955 gives us an idea of the toll of life, wild and tame, which is taken nightly on a highway in that state, and this includes the number of cats.

In a letter to the editor of that periodical LaFayette Petrie of Pulaski tells of a carpenter in his town named Reuben Gregory, who works in North Syracuse, a distance of about 33 miles along U. S. Route 11, and who decided to count every morning the number of animals he saw lying dead along the highway. He made no count in the evening, or of course on Sundays or holidays, when he did not work. Between May 1 and October 20 last year he counted the following animals:

Cottontail rabbits, 251; dogs, 18; house cats, 168; raccoon, 78; opossum, 62; skunk, 23; muskrats, 27; hen pheasants, 31.

Next to rabbits, it will be noticed that cats scored the highest number. For the mathematician, therefore, who acquainted himself with the number of highways in New York and the total miles they cover, it would be possible to make an estimate of how many cats are killed every night of the year in that state. He might then be able to venture a fairly accurate guess as to the number sacrificed nightly throughout the country. Perhaps someone would oblige him by counting over a given area the number killed during the day, which is probably very much lower.

It is obvious that people who live near highways take the risk of losing some dear pet any night that the animal is permitted to roam.

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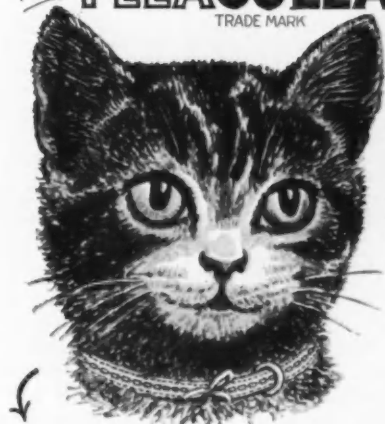
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Cats Club and Show Reporter**All-Westerns Announced in May**

The two late Eastern shows forced a re-scheduling of the All-Sectional editions of CATS this year, making the new order: May, All-Western; June, All-Eastern; July, All-Midwestern; and August All-Southern; with All-American in September. Races have been just as close this year as in previous seasons, and our All-American score, Mrs. John Porter, is checking and re-checking every score to make sure that each is absolutely correct when the announcements are made. Scoring this year will be the same as last except that credit will be given for Best Open and that Second Best Cat will receive seventy-five percent as many points as Best Cat, but that no cat can receive more points total than the Best Cat in Show (In previous years, Best of Color points for BOX Cat or 2nd Best Cat have sometimes made that possible). This year, as always, it is mathematical computations alone which will decide the relative standings of every cat exhibited in the United States and Canada during the 1954-55 season.

Two New ACFA Clubs Announce Officers

Members of the recently formed American Cat Fanciers Association are actively working on the organization of more than twenty local all breed clubs.

Charter No. 1 has been granted to Magic Valley Cat Club. The officers are: Mrs. Joan Carter, President; Mrs. Martha McKibben, Vice President and ACFA Councilor; Mrs. Mildred Foster, Secretary-Treasurer; L. L. McKibben, Albert W. Carter and Mrs. Brigitte Waaser, Directors.

A new ACFA all breed club has completed its organization at Louisville, Kentucky. Its officers are: Gilbert A. Wiesemann, President; Mrs. Fred M. Williams, Vice President; Joseph D. Lipps, Secretary; Mrs. Lorraine Wiesemann, Treasurer; Glen Scheurich, Auditor; Neville Fincel and Mrs. Opal Geldhaus, Directors. The club is starting with some twenty members and gives every indication of becoming a dynamic club. Fanciers and cat lovers in the Louisville area who wish to join contact the Secretary, Mr. Joseph D. Lipps, 1633 Nightengale Road, Louisville.

The first issue of the ACFA Bulletin is scheduled for publication about April 5th. It will present to the members for their vote a number of changes in by-laws, show rules and registration rules that have been suggested by members. The names of the officers, directors, and the members of the Executive Council of Members will be announced in the first issue of the Bulletin.

The organization has received such a deluge of inquiries and letters that it has been impossible to answer them promptly. If you have not had a reply to your letter or inquiry, Organizing Secretary Russell Middleton requests your continued patience and promises that you will soon receive an answer.

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Mid-West Feline Fanciers Show Points

Points have been announced for the Nov. 13-14 show of MWFF at Milwaukee as follows: All Breed, four; Longhair Specialty, five; Shorthair Specialty, three.

Sacramento Valley Cat Fanciers Go Independent

In what they label a "protest" action, the Sacramento Valley Cat Fanciers, Inc., have announced their resignation from CFA as of February 22. They will remain unaffiliated until after the annual association meetings. New officers for 1955 are: President, Lawrence E. Metcalf; Vice President, Joe French, Secretary, Kathleen Simkins; Treasurer, Grace C. Forrest, 3635 Jasmine St., Del Paso Heights, Calif.

Memphis and Mid-South Cat Fanciers' Club Formed

The Memphis and Mid-South Cat Fanciers' Club (affiliation unannounced) has been formed by a strong group of cat lovers in western Tennessee. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p.m., at the Home Equipment Co., 2529 Summer Ave., Memphis, and all felineophiles are cordially invited. Newly elected officers are: President, Mr. Charles T. Gibson; Vice President, Mr. Frances W. Moore; Secretary, Mrs. Crockett Ellis, 1077 Robertson Road, Memphis; Treasurer, Miss Peggie Arnold. Directors are: Two years—Dr. R. L. Hickman, Mrs. John S. Fineran, Mr. William J. Johnson; One year—Mrs. John J. Martin, Mrs. John C. Flippin, Mrs. St. John Wadell.

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Fanciers Forum

JUDGING THE "POINTS"

Dear Editors:

Many months ago I started my own CATS magazine index on articles that were of particular interest to me, but now this index made by Mrs. Warner so puts mine to shame I have cast mine aside and will look forward to a complete index for each year. I can't think of anything more to add to CATS Magazine, but I am sure CATS Magazine can and will!

While on the subject of improvements—let's hope the 1955-56 show season will bring a better judging of Siamese. On several occasions I note Frosts have been transferred from the Blue Point classes they are forced into by not being recognized by CFA, to Chocolate Point classes, and in some instances given best of color. This is just too silly for words. It turns out that one cat wins points in one of two color classes (which color it is not at all) and points must be won in one color class to become a champion, hence a Frost could become a "double CFA champion," that is, both a Blue Point Champion and a Chocolate Point Champion, very confusing if you don't know Siamese.

Many CFA judges are not only inadequate to judge Siamese but the CFA's not accepting them is ridiculous and terribly unfair.

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MORE MANX

Dear Editors:

I was particularly benefited by the article on Manx cats in the current issue. There are so few breeders or owners here that the Vets. have very little, if any, experience with this breed's peculiarities. I am having a great deal of trouble with my eight month old kitten in lack of control of bowels and bladder due to the weakness you mentioned. It certainly was very enlightening. Let's have more on this scarce breed. They are wonderful pals and more like humans than any cat I've ever had. I have to even hold his paw in my hand when he isn't feeling good.

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Dear Editors:

You might be interested to know that Mrs. Van Zele's lovely Tpl. Gr. Ch. Kerry Lu Ramon of Casa Contenta was out of my queen, Ben-Fair Twilight Melody. He was one of three kittens (her first litter) and when just two days old I saw that supplementary feeding would be necessary if they were to survive. Ramon was weaker than either of

his sisters. I began giving them warm, fresh, raw goat milk every three hours with an eye dropper. In a few days, they had graduated to a doll's nursing bottle and I added a few drops of cod liver oil to the milk. By the time they were six weeks old, they didn't know whether Melody or I was their mother. She claimed them, but our French Alpine goat and I took credit for their good bone, lovely coats, bright eyes, and general well being.

You can see why I am so thrilled when I read of the wonderful record Ramon is making. His mother is no longer living and we miss her so very much. I never make a bed, or cut out a garment that I don't wish Melody could be there in the middle of my work. She was our first pure-bred cat and a joy to us all her life. We know no other cat can ever take her place, but we're going to have another one that will make her own place in our lives and hearts.

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SEATTLE CAT CLUB (ACA) 15th Cat Show, Seattle, Wash., Oct. 30-31, 1954. **ALL BREED**—Judge, Mr. B. W. Wilson. Best Cat, Best Ch, Best LH, Best SC—Montpellier's Petit Victor, blue m, Mr. and Mrs. E. Montpellier. 2nd Best Cat, Best Nov, Best Open—Light Wing MacBeth, blk m, Loretta Beal. OS Cat, OS Ch, OS LH—Rio Casa's Ballerina, sil f, Irma Siegel. OS to 2nd Best—Ch. Montpellier's Reine Victoria—blue f, Mr. and Mrs. E. Montpellier. OS Nov.—Rio Casa's Cleopatra of Norpark, sh sil f, Norpark Cattery. Best SH—Ch Be Bon Blu of Yandon, BP m, Mrs. Del Yandon. OS SH—Ch. Ching Tzu of Tang Wong, SP f, Mervil Stevens. Best DSH—Midnight's Shadow of Golden Shadow, blk f, Harold Setzer. Best Manx—The Churches Bosun of Xantha, blk m, Mrs. Donald Cockeram. OS Manx—Manxland Lavender of Xantha, blue f, Mrs. Cockeram. Best Aby—Ch. Knight's Kasimba, Philip Aaron. OS Aby—Ch. Kuch's Yatu, f, Mrs. Philip Aaron. Best Burmese—Ch. Folly Sabu, m, Mrs. Aaron. Best R. blue—Ch. Dunloe Smoike of Folly, m, Mrs. Aaron. OS R. blue—Ch. Folly Sonya, Mrs. Aaron. Best Kit—Petite Amie Blondie of Cherry Tree Inn, blue f, Christian Miller. OS Kit—Avon's Prince Nicholas, blue m, Rose Summers. Best Neuter—Montpellier's Tulle, blue, Mr. and Mrs. George Colvin. Best Spay—Candy, blk SH. Jack Schaumburg.

LONG HAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Miss Christine Whittier. Best Cat, Best Nov, Best Open, Best SC—Light Wing MacBeth, blk m, Loretta Beal. 2nd Best Cat, OS Ch—Montpellier's Petit Victor, blue m, Mr. and Mrs. E. Montpellier. OS Cat, Best Ch, OS SC—Montpellier's Reine Victoria, blue f, Mr. and Mrs. Montpellier. OS to 2nd Best—Itty-Bitty of Pur Mew, sh sil f, Miss Lucile Laird. OS Nov, Macushla's Pompette, bl cr, Mrs. George McCush. Best Kit—Petite Amie Blondie of Cherry Tree Inn, blue f, Christian Miller. OS Kit—King Tut, sh sil m, R. A. Williamson. Best Neuter—Light Wing Marmaduke II, red thy, Kearney Barton. Best Spay—Whimsy's Ginger of Xantha, red thy, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cockeram.

SHORT HAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Miss Whittier. Best Cat, Best Ch.—Norpark's Blue Reign, BP f, Norpark Cattery. 2nd Best Cat, Best Nov.—Prajiadi's Mrs. Chee Lee of Cascadian Colony, FP f, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Ader. OS Cat, OS Nov.—Southwood Yutang, SP m, Mrs. Oliver Havill. OS Ch, Best Burmese—Folly Sabu, m, Mrs. Philip Aaron. Best Aby—Abigail of Sherman, f, Maxine and Sherman Arps. OS Aby—Ch. Knight's Kasimba, m, Philip Aaron. Best R. blue—Folly Nikolay, m, Mrs. Philip Aaron. OS R. blue, Ch. Folly Sonya, f, Mrs. Aaron. Best Manx—MarManx Margo, blue f, Margaret and Bill Kirsten. OS Manx—Ch. MarManx Mar Bill, blue m, rs. Margaret Kirsten. Best Kit—Folly Fey, BP f, Mrs. Philip Aaron. OS Kit—Say-Yam's Peter Wong, CP m, Mrs. G. W. Bean. Best Neuter—Folly Bengaya, BP, Mr. and Mrs. George Herr. Best Spay—Sui-Mei's Bozet, SP, Norpark Cattery.

COTTON STATES CAT CLUB (CFA) 16th Ch. Show, Atlanta, Georgia, Nov. 20-21, 1954. **ALL BREED**—Judge, Mrs. Walter Limpert. Best Cat, Best Nov, Best LH, Best SC—Nigrette's Fawzia of Shiraz, blue f, Ethel S. Glassman. 2nd Best Cat, OS Cat, Best Ch, Best SH, Best Aby—Chirn Sa Hai Ricki, m, Mrs. Richard O'Donovan. OS Ch, Best T&T—Normont Baji of Shiraz, bl cr, Ethel S. Glassman. OS Nov, Best Sil—Robelaine's Jeremy Punkson, sh sil m, Mrs. E. P. Donaldson. Best Open—Patches of Tropic Isle, tortie, Mrs. Harold Rathburn. OS Open—Kohinoor's Colonel Prim, cr m, Mrs. Mary Kate Carroll. OS LH, OS T&T—Ch. Spero's Moses of Whimsy, red thy m, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Smith. OS SC—Ch. Dixiland Wycliffe Encore, blue m, Mrs. Lawrence Pelton. OS Silver—Silver Mesa Miss Katrina, sh sil f, Mrs. W. W. Rabbitt. OS SH, Best Sia—Su An Colleen Choya, BP f, Mrs. Dorothy Otten. OS Sia—Chirn Sa Hai Velbo, BP m, Mrs. Richard O'Donovan. Best DSH—Photogenic of Mes D'Elies, sil thy f, Mrs. E. P. Donaldson. OS DSH—Ch. Andy of Atlanta, blue m, Wallace Hudson. Best Manx—Ch. Floridanus Aurora, red thy m, Mrs. Maud Barney. OS Manx—Ch. Floridanus Aurora, parti-color f, Mrs. Barney. OS Aby—Ch. Mao Qui Vive of Chirn Sa Hai, f, Mrs. Richard O'Donovan. Best Burmese—Oksana of the Pogoda, f, A. B. Estes. Best R. blue—Flomar Duane, m, Margaret Pusey and Florence Gates. Best Kit—Normont Julie of Lammormore, blue f, Miss Margaret Brenning. OS Kit—Palatka Bonjoe, smoke m, Mrs. Adaline Gawthrop.

SOLID COLOR SPECIALTY—Judge, Mrs. Louise Heron. Best Cat, Best Ch, Best LH—Great Lakes Boots, blk m, Mrs. W. W. Rabbitt. 2nd Best Cat—Ch. Southland April Madcap, blue m, Mrs. Foster Prather. OS Cat, Best Nov, OS LH—Nigrette's Fawzia of Shiraz, blue f, Ethel S. Glassman. OS Ch—Spero's Zipporah of Whimsy, blk f, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald D. Smith. OS Nov.—Longhill's White Xmas of Delta, OE Wh m, Mrs. Lucille H. Witte. Best SH—Ch. Candy of Atlanta, blue m DSH, Wallace E. Hudson. Best Kit—Normont Julie of Lammormore, blue f, Miss Margaret Brenning. OS Kit—Fussy, cr m, Thomas P. Underwood.

TABBY & TORTIE SPECIALTY—Judge, Mrs. Heron. Best Cat, Best Open, Best LH—Floridanus Jungle Monarch, brn thy m, Mrs. Maud Barney. 2nd Best Cat, OS Cat, OS Open, OS LH—Patches of Tropic Isle, tortie, Mrs. Harold Rathburn. Best Ch.—Normont Baji of Shiraz, bl cr, Mrs. Ethel Glassman. OS Ch.—Garvin's Barbarossa, peke red thy m, Mrs. Paul Miller. Best Nov.—Kohinoor's Candy Lamb, bl cr, Mrs. Mary Kate Carroll. OS Nov.—Mil-Ryan's Buzz-Boy, brn thy m, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Witte. Best SH, Best Manx—Ch. Floridanus Aurora, red thy m, Mrs. Maud Barney. OS SH, OS Manx—Ch. Floridanus Aurora, parti-color f, Mrs. Barney. Best DSH—Photogenic of Mes D'Elies, sil thy f, Mrs. E. P. Donaldson. Best Kit—Golden Stars Pandora, tortie, Mrs. E. M. Downing. OS Kit—Timber, sil thy m, Elbert Forester.

DIXIE CAT CLUB (CFA) 3rd Ch. Show, New Orleans, La., Dec. 4-5, 1954. **ALL BREED**—Judge, Anthony De Santis. Best Cat, Best Ch, Best LH, Best SC—Dixiland Banner of Windibank, BE Wh m, Mrs. F. L. Tebbetts. 2nd Best Cat, OS Cat, OS Ch, OS LH, OS SC—Longhill's Tres Chic, cr f, Mrs. Howell J. Mueller. OS to 2nd Best—Ch. Great Lakes Boots, blk m, W. W. Rabbitt. Best Nov.—Southland Deborah, blk f, Mrs. Foster Prather. OS Nov.—Windibank Solitaire, blue m, Mrs. W. W. Rabbitt. Best Open—Bentveld Pink Lady, cr f, Mrs. H. J. Mueller. OS Open—Re-Ru Texas Gentleman, OE Wh m, Russell Middleton. Best Sil—Ch. Flagstone's Play Girl, sh sil f, Mrs. H. J. Mueller. OS Sil—Kitty Cove Dallas Don, chin m, Mrs. E. E. Spencer. Best T&T—Ch. Rosegate's Sugar Plum, bl cr, Mrs. H. J. Mueller. OS T&T—Gommel's Gay Rusty, red thy m, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gommel. Best SH—Best Sia—Chirn Sa Hai Rang, SP m, Mrs. R. L. O'Donovan. OS SH—Best DSH—Burton's Empress, blk f, Abt. Johnson. OS FSH, Best Manx—Ch. Braden Betty O' Man, blk f, Price Cross. OS Sia—Ch. Ladi Ann, BP f, Mrs. Joseph Rizzuto. OS

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DSH—Ch. Spoots, smoke m, J. McKinstry. Best Aby—Ch. Chirn Sa Hai Ricki, m, Mrs. R. L. O'Donovan. OS Aby—Mao Gilda of Chirn Sa Hai, f, Mrs. O'Donovan. Best Burmese—Casa Gatos Marajah Anawaraha, m, Mrs. T. A. Dobyns. OS Burmese—Ch. Re-Ru Annie Oakley, f, Russell Middleton. Best R. blue—Flo-Mar Blue Evan, m, Miss Esther Taylor. OS R. blue—Re-Ru Volga, f, Miss Taylor. Best Kit—Windibank Cricket, blue f, Mrs. F. L. Tebbetts. OS Kit—The Churches Lu-E-San of Re-Ru, OE Wh Manx m, Russell Middleton. Best Neuter—Prince of Bangkok, SP, Elizabeth Ellis. Best Spay—Spoo-Ga, SH, J. McKinstry.

LONG HAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Mrs. Carl Keller. Best Cat, Best Ch, Best SC—Longhill's Tres Chic, cr f, Mrs. H. J. Mueller. 2nd Best Cat, Best sil—Ch. Flagstone's Play Girl, sh sil f, Mrs. Mueller. OS Cat, OS Ch, OS SC—Windibank Duz, OE Wh m, Mrs. F. L. Tebbetts. OS to 2nd Best—Ch. Great Lakes Boots, blk m, Mrs. W. W. Rabbitt. Best Nov.—Windibank Solitaire, blue m, Mrs. W. W. Rabbitt. OS Nov.—Gar-Le' Mona Lisa, chin f, Mrs. Harry Garrison. Best Open—Las Montanas Silver Thistle, chin m, Mrs. Garrison. OS Sil—Ch. Kitty Cove Dallas Don, chin m, Mrs. E. E. Spencer. OS Open—Bentveld Pink Lady, cr f, Mrs. H. J. Mueller. Best T&T—Ch. Rosedere Gypsy of Chirn Sa Hai, bl cr, Mrs. H. J. Mueller. OS T&T—Shamrock's Indian Chief, red thy m, Mr. and Mrs. R. Kelley. Best Kit—Rosemont's Town Talk of Flagstone, cr m, Mrs. H. J. Mueller. OS Kit—Flagstone's Cutest Miss, bl cr, Mrs. W. W. Rabbitt.

SHORT HAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Mrs. Keller. Best Cat, Best Ch, Best Sia—Chirn Sa Hai Zohagel, SP f, Mrs. R. L. O'Donovan. 2nd Best Cat—Ch. Ladi Ann, BP fim Mrs. Joseph Rizzuto. OS Cat, OS Ch, Best Burmese—Re-Ru Dynamic, m, Russell Middleton. Best Nov, Best R. blue—Flo-Mar Blue Evan, m, Miss Esther Taylor. OS Nov.—Burton's Empress, blk DSH f, Abt. Johnson. Best Open, OS Sia—Chirn Sa Hai Salong, SP m, Mrs. R. L. O'Donovan. OS Open—Chirn Sa Hai Liliele, SP f, Mrs. O'Donovan. Best DSH—Ch. Mao Texian Tabitha, sil thy f, Price Cross. OS DSH—Sam, blue m, Donna Teich. Best Manx—Ch. Mao Braden Betty O' Man, blk f, Price Cross. Best Aby—Chirn Sa Hai Ricki, m, Mrs. R. L. O'Donovan. OS Aby—Ta Lee Ho's Tere of Re-Ru, f, Russell Middleton. OS R. blue—Re-Ru Volga, f, Miss Esther Taylor. Best Kit—Ta Lee Ho's Lita of Re-Ru, Aby f, Russell Middleton. OS Kit—Niello's Darkaron, BP m, Mrs. Mildred Foster. Best Neuter—Prince of Bangkok, SP, Elizabeth Ellis. Best Spay—Spoo-Ga, SH Smoke, J. McKinstry.

MIAMI CAT FANCIERS (CFA) 10th Ch. Show, Miami, Florida, Dec. 11-12, 1954. **ALL BREED**—Judge, Mrs. Ralph T. Mabie. Best Cat, Best Gr. Ch., Best LH, Best Sil—Kerry Lu Ramon of Casa Contenta, chin m, Mrs. Helen Van Zele. 2nd Best Cat, Best Ch.—Citrus Ridge Tere-Jur's Sir Echo, chin m, Mrs. A. J. Smith. OS Cat, Best Nov, Best T&T, OS LH—Tropic Isle Teenah, bl cr, Mrs. Harold Rathburn. OS Ch, Best SC—Silver Mole Samea, OS Wh f, Mrs. Florence Kemmer. OS Nov, Best R. blue—Nickolay of Flomar, m, Mrs. Gates and Mrs. Pusey. Best Open—Citrus Ridge Lolita, blk f, Mrs. John Luss. Best Ch, Ch. Normont Sandman, cr m, Mrs. Merald Hoag. OS Sil—Citrus Ridge Almoza Bana, chin f, Mrs. A. J. Smith. Best SH, Best Sia—Ch. Chirn Sa Hai Zohagel, SP f, Mrs. O'Donovan. Best DSH—Kitzel, sil thy m, Mr. George Lier. OS DSH—Ch. Yolanda of Charmiri, brn thy f, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Simms. Best Manx—Ch. Dhul Leo Ballabeg Beau, parti-color m, Mrs. M. Newton. OS Manx—Ch. Floridanus Aurora, parti-color f, Mrs. Maud Barney. Best Aby—Ch. Mao Qui Vive of Chirn Sa Hai, f, Mrs. Richard O'Donovan. OS Aby—Ch. Chirn Sa Hai Ricki, m, Mrs. O'Donovan. Best Kit—Normont Lauri, bl cr f, Mrs. Merald Hoag. OS Kit—Citrus Ridge Patti Patti, chin m, Mrs. A. J. Smith. Best Neuter—Frostie Phantom, Odd E Wh, Miss Stella Frost. Best Spay—Lady, Mrs. G. M. Leake.

SOLID COLOR SPECIALTY—Judge, Mr. Anthony De Santis. Best Cat, Best Ch, Best LH—Normont Sandman, cr m, Mrs. Merald Hoag. 2nd Best Cat, OS Cat, Best Nov, OS LH—Casa Del Sol's White Magnolia, OE Wh f, Mrs. C. L. Day. OS Ch—Silver Mole Enchanted, Odd E Wh f, Mrs. Florence Kemmer. Best Open—Shamrock's Bob White, OE Wh f, Mrs. M. Shiple. Best SH—Puri Isle Fantasy of Tropic Isle, blue f, Mrs. Harold Rathburn. OS Nov—Best R. blue—Nickolay of Flomar, m, Mrs. Gates and Mrs. Pusey. OS SH, Best DSH—Bluenose Chi-Chi, blk f, Comdr. E. D. Runyan. Best Kit—Casa Del Sol's Dusty Dawn, blue f, Mrs. R. B. Chapman. OS Kit—Casa Del Sol's Pancho, blue m, Mrs. Chapman.

TABBY & TORTIE SPECIALTY—Judge, Mr. De Santis. Best Cat, Best Ch, Best LH—Floridanus Jungle Monarch, brn thy m, Mrs. Maud Barney. 2nd Best Cat, OS Cat, OS Ch, Best SH, Best Manx—Floridanus Aurora, parti-color f, Mrs. Maud Barney. Best Nov, OS LH—Tropic Isle Teenah, bl cr, Mrs. Harold Rathburn. OS Nov—Sunny-Land Brown Robin, brn thy m, Miss Klara Schick. Best Open—Floridanus Jungle Joi, brn thy f, Gatos Finos Cattery. OS Open—Shamrock's Corky, red thy m, Mrs. M. Shumate. OS SH, OS Manx—Ch. Dhul Leo Ballabeg Beau, parti-color m, Mrs. M. Newton. Best DSH—Kitzel, sil thy m, Mr. George Lier. OS DSH—Ch. Yolanda of Charmiri, brn thy f, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Simms. Best Kit—Normont Lauri, bl cr f, Mrs. Merald Hoag. OS Kit—Sunny-Land Rory, brn thy m, Miss Klara Schick. Best Neuter—Sunny-Land Sammy, brn thy LH, Mrs. Gloria Gersten.

DAYTON CAT FANCIERS (CFA) 4th Ch. Show, Dayton, Ohio, Jan. 15-16, 1955. **ALL BREED**—Judge, Mrs. Ralph T. Mabie. Best Cat, Best Gr. Ch., Best LH, Best Sil—Kerry Lu Ramon of Casa Contenta, chin m, Mrs. Helen Van Zele. 2nd Best Cat, Best Ch, Best SC—Rosemont Golden Boy, cr m, Mrs. Frances Kosierowski. OS Cat, OS Ch, OS LH—Greene Gardens Nugget, bl cr, Mrs. Mary Greene Smith. Best Nov.—Nigrette's Cashmere of Shiraz, blue f, Ethel S. Glassman. Best Open, OS SC—Nigrette's Equipose, blue m, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Peterson, Jr. OS Open—Calvert's Roxanne, OE Wh f, Mrs. Stella Calvert. OS Sil—Citrus Ridge Ursula of Le Duc, chin f, Mrs. Mae Peck. OS T&T—Ch. Gay Boy of Floradora, red thy m, Mrs. Leo Barstis. Best SH, Best Sia—Ch. Dalai Jakki—SP m, Virginia Dalay. OS SH, OS Sia—Ch. Millbrook's Mio of Siam, SP f, Mrs. LaVerne Chapman. Best DSH—Ch. HRH Mystical of Cobourg, sil thy f, Mrs. Merald Hoag. OS DSH—Ch. Sequin of Cool Morning, brn thy m, Mr. and Mrs. Wally Kollmorgen. Best Manx—Ch. Akant's Mr. Quarternote, blk m, John Farris and Neville Fincel. OS Manx—Bobby Sox, parti-color f, Mrs. Bessie Fischer. Best Aby—Su-Ryan Sadiia of Dalai, f, Virginia Dalay. OS Aby—Ta Lee Ho's Ipo, m, Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Sykora. Best Burmese—Ch. Lan Yen's Ket Kay, m, Mrs. Donald E. Warner. OS Burmese—Ch. Regal Madura of Lan Yen, f, Mrs. Warner. Best R. blue—HRH Marin Anya, f, Mrs. James E. Adams. Best Kit—Shiraz Jamal,

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blue m, Ethel S. Glassman. OS Kit—Normont Lauri, bl cr, Mrs. Mer-ald Hoag.

SOLID COLOR SPECIALTY—Judge, Miss Kay Thoma. Best Cat, Best Open—Nigrette's Equipoise, blue m, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Peterson, Jr. 2nd Best Cat, Best Gr. Ch.—Twinkling Star of Evergreen, BE Wh m, Mrs. Ethel Fleming. OS Cat, OS Open—Calvert's Roxanne, OE Wh f, Mrs. Stella Calvert. Best Ch.—Rosemont Golden Boy, cr m, Mrs. Frances Kosierowski. OS Ch.—Lee's Hi Hat Cheri of Rosemont, cr f, Mrs. Kosierowski. Best Nov.—Loughill's White Hope, OE Wh m, Mr. and Mrs. Carvel Ripley. OS Nov.—Nigrette Cashmere of Shiraz, blue f, Ethel S. Glassman. Best Kit—Shiraz Jamal, blue m, Mrs. Glassman. OS Kit—Westbrook's Rose Marie, BE Wh f, Mrs. Billy West. Best Neuter—Ch. Sperry's Basin Street Classic, bl Dr. J. S. Caldwell.

SHORT HAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Miss Kay Thoma. Best Cat, Best Ch, Best Manx—Akanta's Mr. Quarternote, blk m, John Farris and Neville Fincel. 2nd Best Cat, OS Cat, OS Ch, Best Burmese—Regal Madura of Lan Yen, f, Mrs. Donald Warner. Best Nov.—Lan Yen's Hla Bo, Burmese f, Mrs. Warner. OS Nov.—Sava Baro, SP m, Mrs. L. A. Hildebrandt. Best Open—Ta Lee Ho's Ipo, Aby m, Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Sykora. Best DSH, Best T&T—Ch. Sequin of Coc Morning, brn tby m, Mr. and Mrs. Wally Kollmorgen. OS DSH, OS T&T—Ch. HRH Mystical of Cobourg, sil tby f, Mrs. Merald Hoag. Best Sia—Ch. Millbrook's Mio of Siama, SP f, Mrs. LaVerne Chapman. OS Sia—Ch. Blue Grass Adonis, SP m, Mrs. Lucas Combs. OS Manx—Calico's Bitty Beau of Bexley, parti-color f, Mrs. Edmund Jasinski. OS Burmese—Ch. Lan Yen's Ket Kay, m, Mrs. Donald Warner. Best Kit—Bult'h Hex, BP m, Mrs. C. G. Learn. OS Kit—Bult'h Hope, BP f, Mrs. Learn.

ATLANTIC CAT CLUB (CFF) 53rd Ch. Show, New York, N. Y., Jan. 7-8, 1955. **ALL BREED**—Judge, Mrs. J. J. Small. Best Cat, Best Ch, Best LH, Best Silver—Kerry Lu Darkie's Darling, smoke m, Mrs. Helen Koerner. 2nd Best Cat, Best Open, Best SC—Ru-Ling Rollo II, blue m, John Machoka, Jr. OS Cat, OS Open, OS SC, OS LH—Hermescratt Linajha, blk f, Mrs. Frances Herms. Best Gr. Ch.—Glad Low's Victory Belle of Mol-Vron, tortie, Molly Brennan. OS Ch, OS Sil.—Kute Kit Dainty Miss, sil f, Margaret Lovett. Best Nov.—Sunny Knoll's Silver Donna Lee, sil f, Norah M. Andrews. OS Nov.—The Churches Blue Boy, blue manx m, Pearl Dee Church. Best T&T, Best SH, Best DSH—Ch. Benmore Bore Sheila, sil tby f, Mrs. Frank Freudenthal. OS T&T—Elmore Red Bimbo, red tby m, Mrs. John F. Luddy. OS SH, Best FSH, Best Manx—Rosedore Southern Gentleman of the Churches, blue m, Pearl Dee Church. OS FSH, Best Sia—Gr. Ch. Vee Roi's Violet Lady, BP f, Mrs. Alice S. Dugan. OS Sia—Ch. Pomonock's Rascal Peiking II, SP m, Mrs. Julia Kohls. OS DSH—Mil's Haven Red Renfrew, red tby m, Mrs. William Milhaven. OS Manx—The Churches Tiki-San, OE Wh f, Pearl Dee Church. Best Aby.—Ch. Yindling Miss Mouse, f, Mrs. Lillian Pedulla. OS Aby.—Su-Ryan Aly Pasha of Rosa Noma, m, Rosa Noma Cattery. Best Burmese—Casa Gatos Vanya of Darshan, f, Mrs. Paul W. Levy. OS Burmese—Ch. Regal Tarshan of Darshan, m, Mrs. Levy. Best Neuter—Stonybrook Maple, red, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Milhaven.

SOLID COLOR SPECIALTY—Judge, Mrs. Christine Hartmann. Best Cat, Best Open, Best LH—Ru-Ling Rollo II, blue m, John Machoka, Jr. 2nd Best Cat, Best Nov.—Blue Gables Cream Champagne, cr m, Mr. and Mrs. Mordarsky. OS Cat, OS Nov, OS LH—Pentagon, Bore's Mare, OE Wh f, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bayer. Best Ch.—Ru-Ling Romance of Calvert, blue f, Mrs. Stella Calvert. OS Ch.—Cherubino's Lollipop, blk m, Miss Shannon Hynes. OS Open—Casa Loma Crown Jewel, BE Wh f, Mrs. John Swenson. Best DSH—Ch. Rockridge White Hunter of Cherubino, BE Wh m, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bode. OS DSH—Cherubino's Juno, BE Wh f, Mr. and Mrs. Bode. Best Manx—The Churches Tiki-San, OE Wh f, Pearl Dee Church. OS Manx—Rosedore Southern Gentleman of the Churches, blue m, Pearl Dee Church. Best Neuter—Stonybrook Maple, red, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Milhaven.

SILVER SPECIALTY—Judge, Mrs. Hartmann. Best Cat, Best Ch, Best LH—Kerry Lu Darkie's Darling, smoke m, Mrs. Helen Koerner. 2nd Best Cat, Best Gr. Ch.—Edgewood Silver Vallie O'Moonlight, sil m, Mrs. Bertha Costello. OS Cat, Best Open, OS LH—Mademoiselle Muffet of Calvert, sh sil f, Mrs. Stella Calvert. OS Ch.—Kute Kit Dainty Miss, sil f, Margaret Lovett. Best Nov.—Marleon's Tinker Belle, sil m, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Bellham. OS Nov.—Sunny Knoll's Hortense, smoke f, Norah Andrews. OS Open—Edgewood's Pioneer, sh sil m, Mrs. Bertha Costello. OS SH—Ch. Pussy Willow, Sals, sil tby f, Mrs. Helen Picciano. OS SH—Ch. Aztec Jr., sil tby m, Mrs. Picciano.

SHORT HAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Mrs. Doris O'Connell. Best Cat, Best Siamese—Yindling Carcase of Cymri, BP f, Mrs. Lillian Pedulla. OS Cat, OS Ch, Best Burmese—Regal Tarshan of Darshan, m, Mrs. Paul Levy. Best Gr. Ch.—Vee Roi's Violet Lady, BP f, Mrs. Alice Dugan. Best Ch.—Vee Roi's Lovlai, SP f, Mrs. R. H. Hecht. Best Nov. Best Manx—The Churches Blue Boy, blue m, Pearl Dee Church. OS Sia—Ch. Pomonock's Rascal Peiking II, SP m, Mrs. Julia Kohls. Best DSH—Ch. Benmost Bore Sheila, sil tby f, Mrs. Frank Freudenthal. OS DSH—Ch. Rockridge White Hunter of Cherubino, BE Wh m, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bode. Best Aby.—Ch. Yindling Miss Mouse of Cymri, f, Mrs. Lillian Pedulla. OS Aby.—Su-Ryan Aly Pasha of Rosa Noma, m, Rosa Noma Cattery. OS Burmese—Casa Gatos Vanya of Darshan, f, Mrs. Paul Levy. Best Neuter—Aztec's Silver Boy of Cobourg, sil SH, Miss Marion Balsley.

SAN JOAQUIN CAT FANCIERS (CFF) 4th Ch. Show, Stockton, Calif., Nov. 13-14, 1954. **ALL BREED**—Judge, Mr. B. W. Wilson. Best Cat, Best Ch, Best LH—Best SC—Burque Lee's Creme de la Creme, cr m, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Whitney. 2nd Best Cat, Best Open, Best Sil.—Nani Lei My Cuddlette, sil f, Mildred Joseph. OS Cat, OS LH, OS Ch, OS SC—Leilani's Liliuokalani, blue f, Jack and Althea Wedel. OS to 2nd Best, Best Nov, OS Sil.—Greenbough's Ponderosa, sil m, Mrs. Robert Hare. OS Nov.—Cresthaven's Iris of Val, blue f, Mrs. Val Malmstrom. OS Open—Cresthaven Mr. Big of Prieta, blue m, Mrs. Marion Beller. Best T&T—Maile Lei Sir Echo, brn tby m, Agnes T. Kleene. OS T&T—Roxborough Cutie, tortie, Mr. and Mrs. H. Van Holten. Best SH, Best Manx—Ch. Ri-Bo's Dhoo Gaeng, blk m, Rita and Bob Wilson. OS SH, Best DSH—Ch. Billie's Bon Bon of Old Oaks, OE Wh f, Mrs. Rupert Graham. OS FSH, Best Aby.—Ch. Bograe's Naith, f, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Forrest. Best Sia—Tempurra's Yours Truly, BP m, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Birkett. OS Sia—Ch. HRH Marin Princess Always, SP f, Mrs. Spencer Smiley. OS DSH—Thor of Tamval, smoke m, Barbara and Eleanor Funston. OS Manx—Ch. Brown Delilah of Ri-Bo, brn tby f, Rita and Bob Wilson. OS Aby.—Bograe's Rusty Amon, m, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Forrest. Best Burmese—Gerstale's Mulakra II, m, Mrs. Ruth Larson. OS Burmese—Ch. Regal Mocha of HRH Marin, f, Mrs. Spencer Smiley. Best R. blue—Ch. Lamar's Nicola of HRH Marin, f, Mrs. Smiley. OS R. blue—Mission City Blue Prince Kama, m, Mrs. Smiley.

Best Kit—Greenbough's Cygnet, sil m, Mrs. Robert Hare. OS Kit—Bluegate's Hon-Nee of Azulita, blue f, Mrs. John Pinkston. Best Neuter—Ri-Bo's Liang Wong, CP, Lucile Snyder. Best Spay—Ri-Bo's Zuki, SP, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Webb.

LONG HAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Mrs. A. J. Flynn. Best Cat, Best Open, Best SC—Cresthaven Mr. Big of Prieta, blue m, Mrs. Marion Beller. 2nd Best Cat, Best Ch.—Burque Lee's Creme de la Creme, cr m, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Whitney. OS Cat, OS Open, Best T&T—Bluegate's Joy, bl cr, Mrs. John Pinkston. OS to 2nd Best, OS Ch, OS SC—Azulita Mam'zelle, blue f, Mrs. Marion Beller. Best Nov.—Nani Lei Honahole Keiki, smoke m, Mildred Joseph. OS Nov.—Soraya's Powder Puff, OE Wh f, Mrs. Joan Wells. Best Sil—Ch. Greenbough's Merryman, sh sil m, G. Evelyn Metcalfe. OS Sil—Nani Lei My Cuddlette, sil f, Mildred Joseph. OS T&T—Maile Lei Sir Echo, brn tby m, Agnes T. Kleene. Best Kit—Bluegate's Easter Parade, blue m, Mrs. John Pinkston. OS Kit—Roxborough Jimba, brn tby f, Mr. and Mrs. H. Van Holten. Best Neuter—Victorian Wonder Boy, Odd E Wh, Mrs. Wm. Farley.

SHORT HAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Dr. Fern Smith. Best Cat, Best Ch, Best Burmese—Gerstale's Mulakra II, m, Mrs. Ruth Larson. OS Cat, OS Ch, Best R. blue—Lamar's Nicola of HRH Marin, f, Mrs. Spencer Smiley. Best Nov, Best Manx—Mac Samson, brn MT m, Amelia Curphey. OS Manx—Stonor Matilda, brn MT f, Amelia Curphey. OS Nov.—Lamar's Pepper, CP f, Lt. Cdr. Charles Jones. Best Sia—Ch. Sha-Lin's Pra Ping Thai, SP m, Miriam Williams. OS Sia—Ch. El Kan's Blue Perichole, BP f, Edward Brehm and Robert Norby. Best DSH—Ch. Lamar's Tabithan, brn tby m, Mrs. Ralph McDonald. OS DSH—Ch. Billie's Bon Bon of Old Oaks, OE Wh f, Mrs. Rupert Graham. Best Aby.—Ta Lee Ho's Melodia of Circle B, f, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Brinkworth. OS Aby.—Bograe's Rusty Amon, m, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Forrest. OS Burmese—Ch. Regal Mocha of HRH Marin, f, Mrs. Spencer Smiley. OS R. blue—Mission City Blue Prince Kama, m, Mrs. Smiley. Best Kit—Ri-Bo's Blue Beau II—blue Manx m, Rita and Bob Wilson. OS Kit—Sha-Lin's Princess Ping Thai, SP f, Miriam Williams. Best Neuter—Ri-Bo's Liang Wong, CP, Lucile Snyder. Best Spay—Ri-Bo's Zuki, SP, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Webb.

SAN FERNANDO VALEY CAT CLUB (ACA) 1st Ch. Show, North Hollywood, Calif., Jan. 8-9, 1955. **ALL BREED**—Judge, Miss Doris Hobbs. Best Cat, Best Gr. Ch.—Best LH, Best Sil.—Kerry Lu Ramon of Casa Content, sil m, Mrs. Helen Van Zele. 2nd Best Cat, Best Nov, Best SC—Lynhaven's Topper, GE Wh m, Mr. and Mrs. John Konkell. OS Cat, Best Ch, OS LH, Best T&T—Lanny Lea's Favorite, bl cr, Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Billig, Jr. OS to 2nd Best, OS Open, OS SC—Prieta's La Petite of Rania, blue f, Mrs. Marie Rania. OS Ch.—Azulita Patriot of Casa Cielo, blue m, Mrs. Joan Arnold. OS Nov.—Kerry Lu Astral-Kai of Silver Del, sil f, Mrs. Willard Schenck. Best Open—Far Cry's Porry, blk m, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Gillies. OS Silver—Ch. Nani Lei My Cuddlette, sil f, Mrs. Mildred Joseph. OS T&T—Baronet of Smithway, red tby m, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Grant. Best SH, Best R. blue—Ch. Petya of Flomar of Mission City, m, Blanche Warren. OS SH, Best Sia—Blu-Kima, BP f, Dr. Fern Smith. OS Sia—Ch. Boren's Luck-E-Boy II, SP m, Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Boren. Best DSH—Ch. Tommy Orange, red tby m, Dr. Fern Smith. OS DSH—Ch. Billie's Bon Bon of Old Oaks, GE Wh f, Mrs. Rupert Graham. Best Manx—Ch. The Churches Bosun of Xantha, blk m, Mrs. Donald Cockeram. OS Manx—Ch. M. Minus of Mei Li, MT f, Mrs. Virginia Sweet. Best Aby.—Ch. Bograe's Naith, f, Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Forrest. OS Aby.—Bograe's Simbu, m, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Forrest. Best Burmese—Ch. Casa Gatos Tana, f, Mrs. Blanche Warren. OS Burmese—Bograe's Choa Huei, f, LaVona Wright. OS R. blue—Ch. Hoeller's Lt. Kijie, f, Kathleen and Paul Hoeller. Best Kit—Lynwood Moonmist, blue m, Mrs. F. L. Lindsey. OS Kit—Sun Dial's Dorinda, CP f, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Dial. Best Neuter—Azure's Blue, BP, Mrs. Wm. J. Woods. Best Spay—Kerry Lu Allura of Silver Del, sil, Mrs. Ernie Smith.

LONG HAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Miss Floy McGill. Best Cat, Best Gr. Ch.—Best Sil.—Kerry Lu Ramon of Casa Content, sil m, Mrs. Helen Van Zele. 2nd Best Cat, Best Ch, Best SC—Azulita Patriot of Casa Cielo, blue m, Mrs. Joan Arnold. OS Cat, Best Open, OS Sil.—La Chatta of Beverly Serrano, sil f, Mrs. E. W. Peterson. OS to 2nd Best, OS Ch, OS SC—Far Cry's Bess, blk f, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Gillies. Best Nov.—Dixiland Queen of Azulita, blue m, Mrs. Walker Johnston. OS Nov.—Chalsu Casa Mia, Odd E Wh f, Mr. Charles Victor. OS Open—Beverly Serrano Keo, sil m, Mrs. E. W. Peterson. Best T&T—Lanny Lea's Favorite, bl cr, Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Billig, Jr. OS T&T—Baronet of Smithway, red tby m, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Grant. Best Kit—Lynwood Moonmist, blue m, Mrs. F. L. Lindsey. OS Kit—Beverly Serrano Babe Lee Lani, sil f, Mr. E. W. Peterson. Best Spay—Kerry Lu Allura of Silver Del, sil, Mrs. Ernie Smith.

SHORT HAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Mrs. Dorothy Richard. Best Cat, Best Ch, Best Manx—Mrs. Minus of Mei Li, MT tby f, Mrs. Virginia Sweet. 2nd Best Cat, Best Sia—Ch. Ta Lee Ho's Ena, BP f, La Vona M. Wright. OS Cat, OS Ch, OS Sia—Ta Lee Ho's Al-La-Bi, BP m, La Vona M. Wright. OS to 2nd Best, Best R. blue—Ch. Petya of Flomar of Mission City, m, Blanche Warren. Best Nov, OS DSH—Tab-Boo, brn tby m, Dr. Fern Smith. OS Nov.—Kosack's Elsa, CP f, Mrs. Helen C. Kosack. Best Open, Best Burmese—Casa Gatos Tela of Cedar Lane, f, Mr. Parker Leonard. OS Open, OS Burmese—Bograe's Choa Huei, m, LaVona Wright. Best DSH—Ch. Billie's Bon Bon of Old Oaks, GE Wh f, Mrs. Rupert Graham. OS Manx—Ch. Senza Coda's Storm Cloud, blue m, Mrs. Virginia Sweet. Best Aby.—Ch. Bograe's Naith, f, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Forrest. OS Aby.—Beaver's Zacharis, m, Mrs. H. T. Beaver. OS R. blue—Ch. Hoeller's Lt. Kijie, f, Kathleen and Paul Hoeller. Best Kit—Misty Dawn, blue Manx m, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Smith. OS Kit—Blue Seal's Suzette, BP f, Mrs. M. E. Farmer. Best Neuter—Azure's Blue, BP, Mrs. Wm. J. Woods. Best Spay—O'So-La-Chia, SP, Mrs. Claire Scott.

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Quotes from the Shows

By BILLIE BANCROFT

A very pleasant show—lovely exhibits. I enjoyed watching Mrs. Small judge. It was a new experience for me and I found myself impressed with her keen eye and sure handling of the cats. The rosettes were out of this world, not only exquisite in form but of most beautiful quality; a treasure for those of us lucky enough to have won them. I particularly enjoyed meeting so many new breeders, an encouraging sign for the future of the Cat Fancy. — Rita Swenson, North Adams, Mass.

A real nice Show, which I believe was judged fairly. To us who are Novice breeders, it was quite a surprising event when we were shown that we were on the right track on what to show. Congratulations to the Atlantic Cat Club and may you have many more Shows as successful as this one is. — Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Mordarsky, East Hartford, Conn.

This is my first visit to a Cat Show. I am impressed, I shall tell all my friends who love cats—just what they are missing. The Show was really grand, I liked the way the ribbons were awarded. — C. Macdonald, New York City, N. Y.

The Atlantic Show was good. Judging was good. Management was good. That charming Lois Bode the Show Manager, deserves loads of credit for her hard work. I was especially pleased with the gentle manner in which EACH of the Judges handled the cats. Truly a wonderful Show with wonderful people. — John Machoka, Jr., Staten Island, N. Y.

This Show was beautifully managed. The cats were gorgeous—they all were so good it was difficult to make any decisions. — Mrs. J. J. Small, All Breed Judge, Cleveland Heights, Cleveland, Ohio

There has been a very good Show but the sanitary-pans were too small. Princess Mickey gave quite a show. Billie Bancroft has been very kind and considerate. There were many, many beautiful cats in this Show. — Ethlind M. Ritter, Hackensack, New Jersey

The Atlantic Cat Club and Silver Society Show was very nice indeed. The cats were fine. Mrs. Small did a wonderful job as All Breed Judge. Also Mrs. O'Connell and Mrs. Hartman. The audience was well behaved. I heard no unpleasant comments. Mrs. Bode did a wonderful job as Show Manager. The rosettes were out of this world. Very nice Show. — Mrs. Joseph Richmond, Springfield, Mass.

Billie Bancroft comments: Atlantic put on a much better Show than last year. Every one who had made entries were on their toes all the time. There were several hundred dollars worth of Silver cups handed out to the BEST in colors—this created quite a bit of excitement. There were some unpleasant things that happened, the usual amount of sweet and sour remarks combined with the velvet glove and brass knucks. We all hope that this will be eliminated next year. Molly Brennan, owner of probably the only Grand Champion Tortie in America, announces that with this Show Victory Belle will be retired, (after collecting hundreds and hundreds of ribbons)—what price sportsmanship and what friendly consideration of her fellow breeders who also have Tortoiseshells. Alice Dugan is also retiring her Grand Champion Violet Lady—(Violet Lady has so many ribbons collected all over America that she refused to count them for me—all the information I could get out of her was that there are many boxes full.

**Dayton Cat Fanciers, CFA
January 15th, 16th, 1955**

This is a splendid Show but Dayton is always. 330 entries, good cats in all classes. Judge Mabie and Kay Thoma did a splendid job. (Show-room is overheated, oh boy! Is it hot in here!!). — Frances Kosierowski, Detroit, Mich.

This is an enjoyable Show but the cages are unsafe—Mrs. E. L. Schus, Mansfield, Ohio.

A bright, bright day and a lovely Show in Dayton! A spacious hall, smooth running procedure. In reverse order, a parakeet is here looking at the cats. Instead of Dayton being known because of the Wright Brothers, Dayton will be known from now on in for right fine cat shows.—Helen Van Zele, Lemon Grove, Calif.

A very nice Show and a beautiful town.— M. Bergamini, Louisville, Ky.

One of the finest Shows I have attended. The members are co-operative with each other and the exhibitors.—Stella Calvert, Baltimore.

Very nice Show, well conducted, plenty of room and HEAT.—Eleanore Hamling, Grafton, Ohio.

Cages could have been better; a lot of cats escaped, however, Show was adequately lighted and had plenty of room to get around. I also, liked the comments made by Judge Kay Thoma on her winners and losers. More Judges should adopt this principle.—Liz Kollmorgen, Cleveland, Ohio.

This is my first visit to Dayton. This is a wonderful Show, the people are so friendly and the Show-room is spacious.—Elizabeth Salmon, Lutherville, Md.

The most lovely group of cats I have ever seen, large classes. Large Show-room, nicely organized. The only criticism is that the cages are not fastened down and too many cats escaped. It is terrible to have a soiled cat after one tries so hard to keep it clean.— Mrs. Earl Fleming, Columbus, Ohio.

I think this Show has been run very nicely. — Mrs. Mae Peck, Louisville, Ky.

The Dayton Show is always a good show where you can expect to see so many of your friends. It is a well managed Show. The members are helpful and co-operative. My only complaint—too much heat!—Hope Johnson, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Dayton Show in my opinion was run beautifully, all members so kind, no lagging in judging. Everything VERY fine.—Mrs. H. Millbeck, E. Detroit, Mich.

A very nice Show, my only criticism is that the cages are insecure and too many of the cats get out.—Mrs. Ethel Treen, Grosse Pts., Mich.

On the whole this is a very nice Show, the cats are looking better than usual. Some of the outstanding cats of The Fancy are here, including some that are All-American winners. However, there should be something done to make our cages safe for our cats, too many cats have escaped. Miss Kay Thoma is a judge that gives EVERY cat top consideration. I wish there were more Judges like her. This Dayton Cat Club has a group of very hard workers.—Grace L. Kunkler, Columbus, Ohio.

We are having a very good Show with all kinds of cats, longhair, shorthair and many other kinds. It is a great pleasure to be among all the people who work with the Show. This is a wonderful Show, a good quiet Show, I am enjoying myself.—Mrs. Bessie Fischer, Findlay, Ohio.

This Dayton Show is well set-up and managed. The location is ideal, we have a spacious hall and we are located close to the hotels. I am most happy to announce that we have a very large number of entries. This kind of attendance boosts the Shows all over the state. I notice the intense interest and excellent competition. I have enjoyed handling all the cats. I do prefer daylight when at all possible in judging. I also like separate judging rings away from each other. It keeps unfavorable comments down. It is not good for the different judges to see each others decisions. There are times when space limitations do not allow the rings to be widely separated.—Miss Kay Thoma, Judge of the Solid Colors and Shorthairs.

Billie Bancroft Comments:

I very much wish to extend my thanks to all the members, visitors and exhibitors who were so courteously kind to Miss Helen Van Damm in collecting these quotes.

Dayton staged one of the largest Shows held in America, three hundred and thirty entries is no small number and Mrs. C. B. Weaver, the president of the Club, must feel very happy and gratified at the way her membership pulled together to put this Show over.

TO THE NOVICE (from page 8)

you can then begin to give food in small amounts. It may be necessary to resort to the forced method of feeding at first, but gradually the animal will begin to trust food again and eat for itself. Begin the feeding by giving the blood from meat. If a kitten is used to milk this might be a starting food for it. Keeping the diet on the soft side, the broth of stewed meat can come next. This is easily made by dropping a little meat into a small amount of boiling water with a pinch of salt added to increase the flavor. When cooled this is an appetizing liquid. Water may also be given now. After a few feedings of this light diet you will find that the cat will recover quickly and again resume its normal diet.

If the cat seems to have lost its appetite completely as a result of this experience you will find a good tonic in port wine. This can be given in one-half teaspoon doses both morning and night. At first the taste of the wine will probably be resented because it is different than anything it has been accustomed to, however, it will soon become used to it. This is a good tonic to increase the appetite after any sickness. It is in no way harmful to the cat and once it begins to eat regularly you can be assured that it will regain its health and strength quickly.

PRECAUTIONS

It is well to isolate any affected animal from any others you may have. Do not crowd the other cats together, though. Keep them separated as much as possible and make sure that both the front end and the back end of each is always clean. Get out that scrub bucket and brush and give each cage a thorough going over. Disinfect the cat's quarters regularly to cut down on the chance of further complications.

It might be well to mention here an antiseptic named Roccal. Since this comes in various strengths ask your vet to give you the proper dilution formula and use it often. Use paper in the quarters and change it immediately if any bowel movement or vomiting occur. It should be disposed of in a manner so as not to spread bacteria to any other cats, preferably burning, for B-Coli can be spread by the air. And always remember that you can be a carrier of germs, so never handle another cat before disinfecting yourself.

Because B-Coli is a bacteria as has been mentioned, it is possible for it to return. If it does, you can prevent any serious damage by giving 50 mg. of achromycin in capsule form twice a day. This can be obtained from your vet on the first visit, and can be used at home saving you the trouble of returning to the vet for a shot of streptomycin.

It is a possibility that B-Coli may affect only one cat at a time or one kitten in a litter, while at other times the

entire litter may be hit. Then, too, a kitten may appear perfectly healthy for several weeks and then contact the infection. If this happens you will be well prepared and by using proper care the recovery may be as short as one day.

One further precaution must be noted and that is concerning the kapectate. Nothing else will accomplish for you what this will. There is nothing in the product to harm cats and since it is non-absorbing it cannot be carried through the system. It is good for use in any upset stomach condition for it places a protective lining on the walls of the stomach and this lining soothes the stomach nerves and quiets down the vomiting or other irritations.

One more important thing for you to remember is that once the sickness is over do not administer any more of the drugs mentioned. Many people make the mistake of giving an over-dosage of them thus causing further complications. Take the advice of your vet and hold to it to the letter of the word. Do not over-dose especially with the achromycin; use only what is absolutely necessary. If you have any questions about over-dosage, ask your vet about it the next time you visit him and he can set you straight.

And so it is time for a parting word. You have been very kind to read these articles and again I encourage your suggestions. Through these words together I have come to know many of you as my friends and I trust that our friendship will be a lasting one. As new things in breeding come along I shall be only too glad to pass them on to you. I can never hope to be 100% in all my writings to you in this column, but on one thing you can be assured, that I shall never pass on to you knowingly an untruth.

Good luck to you and yours until we meet again in a discussion of Tips to the Novice From a Novice, the discussion will be "A Pet Kitten For Your Child."

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CORRECTION

In the February issue of the Re-Ru Reporter we made the following statement on page 3: "We note that both he (Mr. Martin) and the owner of the doctored cat have used the same mailing address." This statement was in error in that the unnamed person referred to was the breeder and not the owner of the cat. She sold it as a kitten and had nothing to do with its exhibition; in fact, she was not even present at the show. We sincerely regret this error and are glad to make this correction and apology.

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HE CAME HOME (from page 5)

the rough grass to the willows. He bounded among the willows like an animal possessed, for they stood in his way and the long branches whipped his face. He streaked up the hill through the orchard, his long body heaving as he fought for breath.

He stumbled through the ploughed fields, across the young corn rows and into the shaded yards. He ran openly, not bothering to hunt for cover, charged with the one need, escape.

Run, little cat. In my dreams I run with you, feet stumbling, heart pounding and breath, at last, running out. Run and run endlessly, through the long afternoon of summer's dreaming. The willows, the orchard, the corn, the willows, the orchard, the corn—until at last I wake trembling and wet with perspiration. Run, little cat. Run, run, run until you can run no more.

My neighbor on the hill has a large wood-lot, with fine old trees under which the jonquils run riot in the spring and the lilies of the valley grow to giant size. Here it was that Kimmer lay down to rest, his legs going out from under him and blessed darkness washing over him. He tried to raise his head and give his leg a lick or two, but sank back and fell with a sigh down, down, down into the black caverns of unconsciousness. And if, in the hot stillness the far away ringing of a little bell could be heard, Kimmer didn't know.

The afternoon wore away and the small, furry figure lay hidden in the weeds, red staining his white flank. In time the agonized beating of his heart gave way to a slow, steady rhythm.

Toward evening the feathery clouds grew black and a sudden shower pelted through the sunlight. Rain found its way through the branches and drops fell on Kimmer's pale nose, so that without thought or conscious motion his tongue came out to lick them away. On the verge of waking, he fought to remember something.

A vague, gray shape seemed to loom above him and a firm paw to hold his squirming body down, while a rough tongue came out to lick and lick. His own tongue worked in a sucking motion. His paws began to push and knead. A purr rumbled in his throat.

Far away there was a steady, ringing sound that tried to pull him awake, but Kimmer held fast to the dream, jaws working and paws pushing against the soft breast, while the sweet milk flowed down his parched throat.

Far to the east a rain-bow lighted the sky with faintly beaming colors. The rain had stopped as suddenly as it had begun. The air had grown cool again. In the distance the tinkling bell began once more.

Without taking thought Kimmer rose and stretched. Oh, god of little wild things. It was then that the pain began. It burned and tore and throbbed in his flank. His right leg trembled at the on-

slaught, as he tried to stand. He shifted his weight to three legs. He was weak and dizzy and faint with pain and hunger, but he managed to stand erect and look around him.

His invisible antennae told him that he was in a strange place. Dark, tall tree shapes rose around him. Wood-bine and wild grape twined in the underbrush. Somewhere, not too far away, there was a smell of food cooking. But, mingled with the food smell was a man smell, so that Kimmer drew back, crouching in the weeds and vines.

Again pain swept over him, so that sweat beaded his nostrils and he eased himself over on his side. Dark wells of pain closed over him. Presently the dream returned. The grey shape came and in the darkness leaned down to lick his wound with gentle tongue, so that the pain was eased and he fell into a restless sleep.

Across the distance the little bell rang and was still and rang again, pulling him out of slumber, talking to him, pleading with Kimmer to come home.

When he awoke the shadows were beginning to lengthen and in the half-light of the woods he raised his head to listen. His wide ears twitched and strained to take in every sound. Far and faint came the little clang of the bell, and someone seemed to say,

"Kimmer. Come Kimmer. Come home."

In dreams I am with the little cat on his long journey homeward. His right hind-quarter dragged so that his gait was awkward and he often fell. When his legs failed him he crawled. He frequently lay down to rest, but the sound of the bell would come again, pulling him to his feet, urging him on.

It would have been easy to lie down and sleep forever, but the bell wouldn't let him. The corn-rows, the orchard and, at last, the willows, where he sank to the ground, eyes glazed and fair coat dank with the evening dew.

At the top of the slope and across the yard there were voices and the sound of a hoe. The little bell rang out loud and clear, and with one last effort Kimmer staggered to his feet and started dragging himself up the slope of my neighbor's yard. It was there that they found him and kind hands reached down to take him in.

Snow on amber. That is Kimmer. He sits in the sunny porch, looking out upon the world. His tawny ears quiver and turn. His white whiskers twitch as he breathes deeply, pink nose sniffing as he tries to catch every sign and portent. He keeps his coat in immaculate order. His paws are as white as the ruffles on a small girl's Sunday dress.

Sometimes he ventures out to roll in the sun on the flag-stones just in front of the door. Or again he limps to the shelter of the nearby clematis caves, while the cat-birds jeer and the robins scold. But most of the time he sits in his favorite chair, and his wide green-gold eyes looking up at you speak a question.

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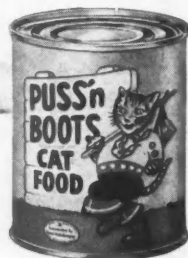
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